

Worcester, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 1847

Dr. John - Your recent departure has not afforded time enough for this metropolis to bring forth any wonders. We received your letter from New York, but have received none ~~announcing~~ your arrival at Philadelphia which is a little singular, we expected to have heard from you immediately. Dr. Green asked how we heard from you, he evidently by his talk expected us this to have heard from you with regard to his commissions in New York. I hope that you will immediately communicate what you have to say to him. Write him a plain letter concise, expressing if you please your gratitude for his non-attention. How are you situated? to your mind? Let us know all these matters. As regards your future prospects, don't give yourself a moment's anxiety. Try all possible means to secure yourself a livelihood. & if you succeed, well, if not, then you have the satisfaction of knowing that a kind Providence & not your own inactivity has left you without business.

Letter from Andrew H. Green to John P. Green,  
October 6th 1840  
[John P. Green Mss. - A.L.S.]

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I have seen little of the world. but enough to teach  
me not to place too much dependance in the  
things thereof - Have your eye, your dependance placed  
on some higher Being, than any ~~thing~~ on earth. You will  
then, let misfortune let trials, let whatever will come  
have a & never failing source of comfort & happiness.  
You are now or will be soon, ~~starting off from~~ entering  
business on your own account. I hope you will commence  
on some decided principles & stick to them. You will  
pardon the liberty I take in writing thus. The ~~be~~

The learned Blacksmith will visit me next Thursday  
evening. I have from him learned the of the dam-  
ascene that was here a few days before you left.  
We are harvesting as fast as possible. Corn in field  
& all Buckwheat cut - Apples in Back of Barn. & Ten  
are but all gathered. Winter Pears all in. I hear  
nothing about the Agricultural Horticultural Fair -  
We received a letter from Mary last Monday. The contents  
~~quite~~ quite unsatisfactory to me. She did not write  
at all upon what I particularly charged her -  
Prospects for business as for her account very poor.  
all prospects here have vanished. Still I ain't much  
troubled. I enter my twentieth year to day. Advancing  
fast. Life runs away rapidly. I wish you would look  
about if you go to Book auctions, & buy me. almost any  
old books in foreign languages that go for almost nothing.

I had seen little of the world but enough to teach me not to place too much dependence in the things thereof - Have your eye, your dependance [sic] placed on some higher Being than any ~~thing~~ on earth. You will then let misfortune let trials, let whatever will come have a ~~of~~ never failing source [*source?*] of comfort & happiness. You are now or will be soon [*Ms. illegible, crossed out*] entering business on your own account. I hope you will commence on some decided principles & stick to them. You will pardon the liberty I take in writing thus ~~The lee~~ The Se[*Ms. illegible*] Blacksmith will visit me next thursday [sic] evening. I have from him learned the of the Dam[*Ms. illegible*] that was here a few days before you left. We are harvesting as fast as possible corn is flat & all Buckwheat cut - apples in Back of Barn & ten acre lot all gathered - winter pears all in - I hear nothing about the ~~agricultural~~ Agricultural Fair - We received a letter from Mary last Monday, the contents [*Ms. illegible, crossed out*] quite unsatisfactory to me. She did not write at all upon what I particularly de[*Ms. illegible*] her prospects for business as for her account very poor all prospects here have vanished. Still I ain't much troubled. I enter my twentieth year to day advancing fort[h]. Life runs away rapidly - I wish you would look about if you go to Book auctions, & buy me almost any old books in foreign languages that go for almost nothing.



I want almost any thing curious that goes very cheap  
things move on as usual. Who did you see in  
New York? Let me know. I enclosed letters from  
Dr. Butler (Introductory) to Dr. Prescott Esq. Merchant  
George Mc. Lellan M.D., Prof. Jacob Green, also a  
pamphlet to Thomas S. Coker. Did you deliver your  
other introductory letters, & what effect had they?  
Let me know. Julia will return in about a  
week; for both Boston we have not yet heard  
of Dr. Butler's re-election. I shall write Mr. E. W.  
Pomeroy by this same opportunity. Father will write  
you probably. Don't delay a day without you  
have an immediate prospect of an immediate convey-  
ance in writing us. Have you yet ascertained  
to the fulness of your certificate?  
Write for return of Mr. Eaton & before if he <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>the</sup>  
don't fail to write to him. With much love

I am your brother  
A. A. M. W.

To whose care shall we direct  
letters?

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With much love

I am your brother

A. H. Green

[P.S.] To whose [Ms. illegible] shall we direct letters?



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